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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator The Public Service Commission of South Carolina Synergy Business Park 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Docket No. 2021-69-G

Supplement to Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for Expedited Approval of Waiver of Late Payment Penalties

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On February 23, 2021, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont") submitted for filing a Request for Expedited Approval of Waiver of Late Payment Penalties ("Petition") in the above-referenced docket. The Petition specifically references the fact that Piedmont's various Commission-approved Rate Schedules prescribe the application of a one and one-half percent (1½%) late payment charge on unpaid balances.

On February 26, 2021, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") informed Piedmont that the Petition did not include reference to Paragraph 28(b) of Piedmont's Commission-approved South Carolina Service Regulations. Paragraph 28(b) of Piedmont's South Carolina Service Regulations states as follows:

A late payment charge of one and one-half percent  $(1\frac{1}{2}\%)$  per month will be applied to all customers' balances not paid within twenty-five (25) days from the billing date.

Piedmont is submitting this supplemental filing to make clear that it is currently obligated to assess a late payment charge to customers per Paragraph 28(b) of the Company's South Carolina Service Regulations, in addition to the requirements shown within each of Piedmont's various Commission-approved Rate Schedules.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions regarding this supplemental filing, you may reach me at the number shown above.

Sincerely,

## /s/ T. Richmond McPherson III

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